

Yanks and Phillies Clinch Titles; Dodgers Win to Remain in Race

The Yankees clinched their fourth American League Eastern Division championship in five years by defeating the Detroit Tigers at the Stadium, 5-2, in the opener of a doubleheader yesterday. The victory was No. 102 for the Yanks and eliminated the Baltimore Orioles on the next-to-last day of the season.

In the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies captured the Eastern Division title with a 6-4 victory in 11 innings over the Montreal Expos. The National League West race went to the last day after the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros, 2-1. The Astros have a one-game lead going into the season finale today.

Reggie Jackson of the Yankees broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning with a three-run homer off Roger Weaver. It was Jackson's 41st homer of the season. The winning pitcher was Rudy May, who gained his 15th triumph against five defeats, with strong relief help from Rich Gosage.

Under their first-year manager, Dick Howser, the Yankees took over first place on May 21 and never relinquished it. Their lead over the Orioles dwindled to half a game late in August, but they survived Baltimore's challenge.

The Yanks will play the Kansas City Royals in the American League championship series, beginning Wednesday night in Kansas City. The winner of the three-of-five series moves on to the World Series against the National League pennant winner.

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Reggie Jackson in action yesterday against the Tigers. In the fifth inning, he hit a three-run homer that put the Yankees ahead.